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For : USE OF AN ENZYME FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF AN AGENT FOR
CONTROLLING BACTERIAL INFECTION

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 18, 2003**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until September, 18, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to extend the period for response until November 18, 2003, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient and/or any extensions of time are necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.